

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Mr. Carlos Montez California Department of Transportation 100 South Main Street Los Angeles, California 90012-3606

Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the 6th Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement

Project, Los Angeles, California (CEQ # 20110374)

Dear Mr. Montez:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

In an August 24, 2009 letter, EPA provided comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for this project and rated the DEIS as *Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information* (EC-2). Our review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) finds that our concerns have been addressed. We encourage the California Department of Transportation and the City of Los Angeles to continue to work with community members through future bridge design and construction to minimize adverse impacts.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the FEIS. When the Record of Decision is signed, please send one copy to the address above (mail code: CED-2). If you have any questions, please contact Susan Sturges (415-947-4188 or sturges.susan@epa.gov) of my staff.

Sincerely,

Connell Dunning, Transportation Team Supervisor

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Communities and Ecosystems Division

cc: Linda Moore, City of Los Angeles